

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of March 31, 2016

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice Chairman Murphy at 1:02 p.m.

Council Members Present:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)

Michael Caron
(designee for Chairman House)
Philip T. Ashton
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Michael W. Klemens

Council Members Absent

Robert Stein
Chairman

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst
Cymon Holzschuh
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

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This item was passed temporarily.

DOCKET NO. 463 – American Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at East Lyme Tax Assessor Parcel ID 29.0 45, 351A Boston Post Road, East Lyme, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order.

Mr. Murphy stated for the record that he read the transcript of the proceeding.

Mr. Lynch moved to table this item, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 464 - Blue Sky Towers, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Bridgeport Tax Assessor Map 53, Block 1527, Lot 2, 220 Evergreen Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he read the transcript of the proceeding.

Mr. Ashton arrived at 1:12 p.m.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chairman Murphy conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chairman Murphy in favor of the proposed telecommunications facility, and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

Vice Chairman Murphy directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the proposed telecommunications facility to be reviewed at the next meeting.

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Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2016, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 466 - The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Frost Bridge to Campville 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line project that traverses the municipalities of Watertown, Thomaston, Litchfield, and Harwinton, which consists of (a) construction, maintenance and operation of a new 115-kV overhead electric transmission line entirely within existing Eversource right-of-way and associated facilities extending approximately 10.4 miles between Eversource's existing Frost Bridge Substation in the Town of Watertown and existing Campville Substation in the Town of Harwinton; (b) related modifications to Frost Bridge Substation and Campville Substation; and (c) reconfiguration of a 0.4 mile segment of two existing 115-kV electric transmission lines across the Naugatuck River in the Towns of Litchfield and Harwinton within the same existing right-of-way as the new 115-kV electric transmission line. Draft Findings of Fact.

Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he read the transcript of the proceeding.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice Chairman Murphy conducted a non-binding straw poll of the Council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Levesque, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, and Vice Chairman Murphy in favor of the proposed project, and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

Vice Chairman Murphy directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order for the proposed project to be reviewed at the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 1159 - Lodestar Energy LLC declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of a 2.0 MW AC Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating facility located at 1005 North Street, Suffield, Connecticut. Environmental Monitor.

Mr. Hannon moved to approve George Logan MS, PWS, CSE to be the primary environmental monitor and Sigrun Gadwa MS, PWS as the secondary environmental monitor for this project, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens recusing.

PETITION NO. 1216 - Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to its existing Long Mountain Switching Station located at Long Mountain Road, New Milford, Connecticut and the reconductoring of approximately 5.3 miles of its existing No. 398 345-kV transmission line from Long Mountain Switching Station to the New York/Connecticut state line in New Milford, Sherman, and Kent, Connecticut, and related transmission line structure improvements. Decision.

Mr. Levesque moved to approve this petition with the condition noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1218 - PSEG Power Connecticut LLC petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a new 485 megawatt (MW) dual fuel combined-cycle electric generating facility at the existing Bridgeport Harbor Station located at 1 Atlantic Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Schedule. Request for Party/Intervenor Status.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve the schedule for this petition for a public field review and hearing to be held in Bridgeport on Thursday, May 5, 2016, designating Lisa Mathews as custodian of the petition, and depositing the transcript in the Bridgeport City Hall, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to grant intervenor status to The United Illuminating Company, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Thursday, April 14, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, April 28, 2016, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** Energy/Telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman

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